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Re: Applicant(s): Howard M. Kingston
 Assignee: Metara, Inc.
 Title: Method And Apparatus For Automated In-Process, Isotope Dilution Threshold And Quantification Measurement Mass Spectrometry
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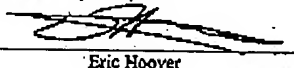


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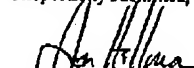
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OFFICIALPETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47(A)

Dear Commissioner:

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(a) in conjunction with a request under 37 CFR 1.48(a) to correct the inventorship and a Request For Continued Examination in the present application.

The present application was filed December 4th, 2001 and named Howard Kingston as the sole inventor. He assigned the application to the present assignee on March 27th, 2002. A copy of the assignment is attached to this petition. During prosecution of the present application, the assignee hired new prosecuting attorneys and granted them power of attorney as shown by the attached copy of the notice regarding change of power of attorney dated December 9th, 2003. Subsequent investigations by the new prosecuting attorneys has revealed that, without deceptive intent, two co-inventors were never named in the present application: Marc Anderson and Ye Han. Accordingly, the present request to correct the inventorship was initiated. As part of this request, a new (or revised) declaration should be signed by all three co-inventors: Howard Kingston, Marc Anderson, and Ye Han. However, as set forth by the following facts, Howard Kingston is refusing to sign this revised declaration.

As set forth in the attached declaration of Jennifer Lantz, the assignee of the present application and Howard Kingston are presently adverse to one another in a declaratory judgment action. As also set forth in that declaration, because of that adversity, it would have

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been improper for Jonathan Hallman, a prosecuting attorney for the assignee, to directly contact Howard Kingston to obtain his signature on the revised declaration that is part of the inventorship correction sought by the assignee. Instead, as set forth in the attached declaration of Jonathan Hallman, a copy of the present application, the revised declaration, and a cover letter (a copy of which is attached herein) explaining the need to correct the inventorship in the present application was delivered to Howard Kingston's lawyer on March 10th, 2004. As set forth in the attached declaration of Jennifer Lantz, Howard Kingston's lawyer has confirmed that Howard Kingston has received the copy of the application and the revised declaration. However, no indication was given whether Howard Kingston would sign or why he has not signed the revised declaration. As set forth in the attached declaration of Jonathan Hallman, a second copy of the application and the revised declaration was again sent to Howard Kingston's lawyers on April 5th, 2004. No response has been forthcoming to this second request.

It is the firm belief of the assignee that, based upon the adversity caused by the declaratory judgment action, Howard Kingston will not sign the revised declaration in support of the inventorship correction sought by the assignee. It is respectfully submitted that the above-described facts establish that Howard Kingston is indeed refusing to sign the revised declaration.

The last known address of Howard Kingston is:

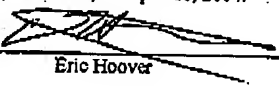
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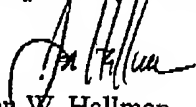
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